

CROWN Memorandum



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TO: ESRD Executive Directors, ESRD Data Managers, Regional Project Officers
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SUBJECT: National Dialysis Corporations – CMS-6

We are pleased to announce that we have a new addition to the CMS-5 national dialysis corporations with whom we are working with to automate processing of CMS ESRD Forms data through the VISION Application

The new addition is the National Nephrology Associates, Inc. and we look forward to working with them in this endeavor. Therefore, with the addition of a new partner these six corporations will now be known as the CMS-6. The CMS-6 corporations include the following:

1. DaVita Inc.
2. Dialysis Clinic Incorporated (DCI)
3. Fresenius Medical Care
4. Gambro Healthcare
5. National Nephrology Associates, Inc.
6. Renal Care Group

What this means for the Networks is that any of the ESRD facilities included in NNA's corporation will not be included in the VISION marketing/training initiative currently in progress. Additionally, NNA facilities will be removed from you eligible facility "pool", therefore reducing the number of facilities required to reach the 5% goal.